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SUBJ: ANARCHIST ELEMENTS SUSPECTED OF ARSON ATTACK AGAINST
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION OFFICES

1. IN THE EARLY AM OF JUNE 28 UNKNOWN PERSONS CONDUCTED AN ARSON ATTACK AGAINST THE MAIN OFFICES OF THE MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION COMPANY (BERLINER VERKEHRS-GESELLSCHAFT -- BVG) IN THE DOWNTOWN SCHOENEBOURG DISTRICT (US SECTOR). IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT THE ARSONISTS GAINED ENTRANCE TO THE BUILDING THROUGH A TOILET WINDOW IN THE BASEMENT. AN INCENDIARY DEVICE HITHERTO UNKNOWN TO THE LOCAL POLICE WAS USED TO START THE FIRES, WHICH COMPLETELY DESTROYED THE INTERIOR OF FOUR OFFICES ON THE FIFTH FLOOR OF THE BVG BUILDING, AND CAUSED DAMAGE ESTIMATED AT DM 20,000 (DOLS 8,500.00).

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2. THE APPARENT PURPOSE OF THE ARSON ATTACK AGAINST THE BVG ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE WAS THE BURNING OF RECORDS CONTAINING THE NAMES OF APPROXIMATELY 10,000 ILLEGAL RIDERS ON THE BVG TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM IN PROTEST AGAINST THE PLANNED INCREASE OF MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION FARES IN BERLIN ON AUGUST 1, HOWEVER, THESE FILES ESCAPED DESTRUCTION.

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3. ON JUNE 29, THE LOCAL DPA OFFICE RECEIVED A LETTER MAILED THE PREVIOUS DAY IN BERLIN OSTENSIBLY FROM THE "REVOLUTIONARY CELL" CLAIMING CREDIT FOR THE ARSON ATTACK AGAINST THE BVG FILES. THE "REVOLUTIONARY CELL" HAS CLAIMED CREDIT OVER THE PAST YEAR FOR A NUMBER OF SIMILAR TERRORIST ACTIONS BOTH HERE AND IN THE FRG. SINCE THE ARSON ATTACK IS STRONGLY SUSPECTED TO HAVE BEEN POLITICALLY MOTIVATED, POSSIBLY CARRIED OUT BY MEMBERS OF THE NEW LEFT, THE STAATSSCHUTZ ELEMENT OF THE POLICE IS CONDUCTING THE INVESTIGATION. COPIES OF THE "REVOLUTIONARY CELL" LETTER HAVE BEEN FORWARDED TO THE BKA LABORATORY IN WIESBADEN FOR ANALYSIS.

4. COMMENT:

IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT SIMILAR ACTS OF ARSON AND WANTON DESTRUCTION OF PUBLIC PROPERTY WERE COMMITTED IN 1975-76 BY EXTREME LEFTIST/ANARCHIST GROUPS IN SEVERAL FRG CITIES AND ALSO IN BERLIN IN RESPONSE TO EARLIER TRANSPORTATION FARE HIKES. GEORGE

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